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CONFERENCE

1. THE AMBASSADOR OF THE NETHERLANDS JAN VAN DEN BERG AND
THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HELD A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT
5:15 P.M. (LOCAL) MAY 27 IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. AT THAT
PRESS CONFERENCE, TWO STATEMENTS WERE READ BY THE AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR. IN BRIEF OPENING REMARKS, AMBASSADOR VAN DEN
BERG SPECIFICALLY ASSOCIATED HIMSELF AND HIS GOVERNMENT
WITH THE FIRST STATEMENT.

2. FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. PRESS CONFERENCE, MAY 27, 1975

THE UNITED STATES AND NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENTS MAINTAIN A DEEP
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HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO

WERE ABDUCTED LAST WEEK AND ARE STILL BEING HELD CAPTIVE. REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE KEEPING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEIR PARENTS, SOME OF WHOM ARE IN OR ON THEIR WAY TO TANZANIA, AND WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF TANZANIA AND ZAIRE IN EXPLORING WAYS TO SECURE THEIR SAFE RELEASE. WE STRONGLY URGE THE ABDUCTORS TO TAKE NO ACTION FOR WHICH MANKIND AND HISTORY WILL CONDEMN THEM.

3. SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR W. BEVERLY CARTER, JR. AT PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 27, 1975.

I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA, THE MINISTRY S EUROPE-AMERICAS DIRECTOR MUGANDA, AND THE ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY FROM THE PRESIDENT S OFFICE AT 12:45 P.M. TODAY. WE DISCUSSED THE STEPS WHICH CAN NOW BE TAKEN TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE STUDENTS KIDNAPPED A WEEK AGO. WE ALSO DISCUSSED HOW BEST TO INFORM THE KIDNAPPERS OF OUR CONCERN FOR THE STUDENTS WELL BEING. PRESIDENT NYERERE, MINISTER MALECELA AND EVERY OTHER TANZANIAN OFFICIAL I HAVE TALKED WITH HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE WELL BEING OF THE STUDENTS.

MRS. SMUTS ARRIVED THIS MORNING. SHE WAS NOT FEELING WELL, A NURSE HAS BEEN IN ATTENDANCE, AND SHE IS WITH HER DAUGHTER RESTING AT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE. THE FATHERS OF STEVE SMITH AND CARRIE HUNTER ARE DUE IN TOMORROW MORNING. DR. DAVID HAMBURG OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY, WHO HAS SERVED AS DIRECT LIAISON WITH THE STANFORD STUDENTS HERE IN CALIFORNIA, IS DUE TO ARRIVE THURSDAY.
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